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In re application of:

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For: IDENTIFICATION OF GENETIC TARGETS FOR MODULATION BY
OLIGONUCLEOTIDES AND GENERATION OF OLIGONUCLEOTIDES FOR
GENE MODULATION

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Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In response to the Office Action mailed March 12, 2002 in connection with the above-identified patent application, Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 55, 56, 58, 59, 72, 74, 75, 78-82, 86, 87, and 99 to read as follows:

55. (Twice Amended) A method comprising:
generating *in silico* virtual compounds according to thermodynamic property, target accessibility, targeting to functional regions of target nucleic acid sequence, or uniform distribution

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